

**Weather Corner**



**Tonight:** Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly cloudy, with a low around 12. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 40. West wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 21. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 52. West wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 26.  
**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 43. **Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 19.  
**Presidents' Day:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 43. **Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 19.  
**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 53. **Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 23.  
**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 59.  
 Wednesday's low, high: 28, 59



KAREN KREIN/Saint Francis Herald  
 Saint Francis girls Sara Miller, left, and Katie Marin show travelers Sophie Ford and Calder Craig the Saint Francis Herald when they stopped by Saint Francis Supers Saturday afternoon.

**Kids have cake and St. Francis**

By Karen Krien  
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Saturday afternoon, Katie Marin and Sara Miller were checking and sacking groceries at St. Francis Super's when two customers came through. They were young kids who started visiting with the girls and they soon found they had an interesting story.  
 Calder Craig is a Fort Hays State University freshman studying music, and Sophie Ford lives at Wilson where she is a senior in high school. They have been friends for years and, last year, they decided to bake a cake.

They had no recipe so they "dumped" ingredients they thought would make a good cake including flour and sunflower seeds, then baked it.  
 "It actually turned out like a cake and tasted good," Calder said. "So we named the cake 'St. Francis.'"  
 Calder said he had just thought of the name not realizing that there was a town with the same name. In March, he was watching television and the newscaster said there was a tornado spotted near St. Francis.  
 "I called Sophie to tell her and we decided that, in February, we were going to visit St. Francis," he said.

In the meantime, they researched the city on the internet and talked to Scott Schultz, mayor. They sent for and received information but, when they arrived, they were surprised to find such a nice town.  
 "The Main Street is pretty, there are so many things to do (for such a small community) and the people are so friendly," they both said, "everyone waves."  
 They said they were glad they had made the trip and were even thinking about attending the movie that evening.  
 Ultimately, one cake, with a name, had led them on an adventure they will remember for many years to come.

**Cheyenne County reviews prairie dog treatment plans**

By Karen Krien  
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Prairie dog control was once again on the agenda when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Thursday.  
 Dan Schlittenhardt, noxious weed and prairie dog control supervisor, said the winter snow had left many of the roads in poor traveling condition, snow drifts were in the fields and the cold temperatures kept freezing up his marker.  
 Andy Beikman, commissioner, was concerned that there is only six weeks left to treat the dogs. The board encouraged the supervisor to get as much treating done as possible.  
 They had received excessive complaints about prairie dogs living on lands belonging to Merle Mills, Ben Leibbrandt, Tom Herring and Gary Winter.  
 Mr. Schlittenhardt said that Mr. Mills had been working on the borders of his land to keep the dogs controlled. He also said Mr. Leibbrandt had purchased bait but the commissioners were wondering how much he had bought, not-

ing that there were many prairie dogs to treat.  
 The commissioners said there are a lot of people concerned about the prairie dogs and, if there isn't some distinct results by the next meeting (unless there is a big snowstorm between now and then), they will begin enforcing county policy to keep the dogs down.  
 Mr. Schlittenhardt asked to attend the annual noxious weed conference the first week of March. Because the deadline for treating prairie dogs is March 15, the commissioners suggested that he wait and see how the treating is going before making arrangements to go to the conference.  
 Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, asked for five minutes executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made following the session.

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**County to prepare for weather**

By Jan Katz Ackerman  
 for the Colby Free Press

A two-hour weather spotter meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 3 at the Colby Community Building located at 285 E. 5th.  
 Thomas County Emergency Management Director Susan McMahan asked Commissioners Ken Christiansen, Byron Sowers and Steele for their support for the annual tornado warning drill that is part of the National Severe Weather Awareness week March 10-14.  
 The commissioners, by a unanimous vote, stated all elected officials and staff, participate at 1:30 p.m. March 11, in the drill.  
 McMahan said she was contacted by Rexford Mayor Dennis Allison about cots and blankets which may be available for use in the new disaster shelter Rexford is developing. She planned to attend the Rexford City Council meeting Wednesday to let the council know Thomas County Emergency Management equipment is for short-term use only.  
 McMahan told the commissioners the 100-plus cots, 11,000 pounds of blankets and four generators she oversees need to be moved to a different location. Currently in a storage bay owned by the Colby Fire Department, McMahan said the fire department has advised her the county has less than a year to decide where to store the items. Anticipation of a new fire station being completed has prompted the need for the county to move the equipment.  
 "We need to start thinking where the storage place is going to be," McMahan said.

**Office complex tenants to relocate**

By Jan Katz Ackerman  
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Thomas County Office Complex patrons might need a map to find businesses after what appears to be a game of musical chairs.  
 On Monday, Thomas County Commissioners Ken Christiansen, Paul Steele and Byron Sowers unanimously approved a rental price of \$4.40 per square foot for Genesis Food Pantry to occupy Suite 13 at the office complex at 350 S. Range Ave.  
 Formerly the location of the Resource, Conservation and Development, the commissioners gave the go ahead for the move to take place immediately. The RC&D is now located at 915 E. Walnut St., Suite 3, also the site of the Natural Resource Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency.  
 Following the move by Genesis, Catholic Charity/Emergency Pregnancy and the Local Environment Protection Group will make moves too.  
 Catholic Charity/Emergency Pregnancy will move from Suite 3 to Suite 5, and the Local Environment Protection Group will continue occupying Suite 4 and will expand into Suite 3.  
 In other business, Road and Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock gave the commissioners his monthly work report. Schrock said asphalt millings have been applied to two-tenths of roadway near McCarty Dairy located five miles south of Rexford.  
 "Will this will enable a farm

truck or semi to pull off U.S. Highway 83 and get to the dairy," Steele asked.  
 "Yes," Schrock said.  
 "Mr. McCarty can hook on to that and make his own improvements from there," Steele added.  
 "I'd like to express my appreciation for you getting this work done."  
 Emergency Medical Service

Director Ken Gatlin presented his monthly report to the commissioners as well.  
 Gatlin said during January there were 40 local ambulance runs, compared to 69 during January 2007.  
 Those 40 runs resulted in 36 patients being transported in what was an average response time of 4.6 minutes.

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